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A GRAND JURY ALLEGED TO
HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED.

Swalm Indicted—Fatal Accident at
Lathrop—Highwaymen Balked
—Other Matters.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

A CITY'S DISGRACE.

What the San Francisco Grand Jury Says
of Jury-Bribing.

Sax, Francisco, November 23.—[Special]
—The Grand Jury filed its final report to-day. In relation to the bribery report is as follows:

"We have investigated the charges of jury-bribing, and find it to have been carried on to defame the names of public officials. It is a disgrace to our city and country. We have found indications against persons where the evidence was clear and convincing, and we hold our grand jury will continue the investigation of this subject until the guilty are punished and this base crime is made odious in this community."

The city and county departments were criticized, some favorably and some adversely, but no serious mal-administration was found in any. The report further says:

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"The charge made against the Hon. J. M. McLean, Judge of the Superior Court, Department of the city, were fully investigated and found groundless.

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TO-DAY'S LEADING NEWS TOPICS.

Strikers in Louisiana shot and killed a number of laborers on a plantation.

Dr. Wozencraft, a California pioneer, died in Sacramento yesterday.

The prosecution has got in all its testimony in the Most case.

President Grey is said to have at last decided to resign.

Deputy Collector Scott, of San Francisco, charges a former Grand Jury with having been bribed not to indict Chinese certificate by *editors*.

The late San Francisco Grand Jury declared David Terry's charge of attempted bribery in the Sharon case as false.

MORE PROOFS OF THE SLAVE TRADE.

The very good and pure people who would not for the world believe that there is such a thing as Chinese slavery, but are quick to receive and believe all manner of stories concerning the alleged inhumanity of Californians to Chinese, have now an opportunity to be convinced of the truth. It may be doubted, however, if the indisputable facts proving that the Chinese buy and sell those of their flesh and blood, will be accepted by the sentimentalists of the East.

A few days ago the RECORD-UNION editorially recited the details of a shipment of Chinese female slaves from Hongkong to San Francisco. They were thirteen in number, and were under charge of a big upon whose person the customs officials found documents of a very damaging character, in addition to the bills of sale of the slaves, and the accounts of money expended in their purchase and shipment. But the officers were wise enough to keep the contents of the papers close until several of the slave women could be questioned. An interpreter being engaged, these helpless creatures were asked to tell their stories of prior residence. They very readily did so, relating in detail where they had resided in California, when they returned to China to whom they were married, and gave quite correct accounts of towns and cities and their streets, and of the scenery of the State. They were then separately shown the papers taken from their keeper, and which proved to be word for word the tales the poor creatures had recited to the officials. Thereupon the women broke down and confessed that they had been constrained to learn the tales under fear of threatened death; that in fact they had never been in California or out of China before, knew nothing of this State, were not married, but had been sold into slavery, and some concluded by naming the amounts paid for them.

Of course, with such testimony of the facts before them, the Courts will not give consent to the landing of these women, and they will be returned to China, where they express themselves desirous of speedily finding themselves. Whether there is provided any punishment for the slave dealer in this case we know not, but we doubt if it will be possible to visit upon them any penalty. She and her principals—who are well-to-do in China—will lose the money invested in this cargo of human beings, and as it is a considerable sum, it will, in part, serve as punishment.

There are more Chinese women in California to-day than at any previous time; nine out of ten of them are owned by slave masters, who compel them to follow the most degraded of vocations. The excesses of these women over the total of three years ago is due to the large number who have been fraudulently imported by means, in many cases, like those disclosed in the instance first referred to. It is well known to the officers of the municipal and county governments in this State that these slaves are held as such, passed from hand to hand for spot sums, and bought and sold as sheep in the market-places. Yet it is with the utmost difficulty that the machinery of the law can be set in motion to free these miserable creatures. On the contrary, strange as it may appear, in a State boasting of a republican form of government, and of abhorrence for slavery, the laws, and the minor Courts, are invoked by the Chinese Legrees with success to more firmly rivet the chains of these slaves, and to recover them when they escape. The fugitive slave law of the "fifties" was never more effectually employed to return negro bondmen to slavery in the South, than are the ordinary criminal laws of this State to recover Chinese slaves, and keep them in their degraded state of bondage.

It should not much longer be possible for slaves to stand upon American soil and tell such sorrowful stories as these extracts from four confessions detail, taken from the statements of the female slaves now in San Francisco harbor, and whom the Chinese slave-dealers are endeavoring by bribery, false witness and other malpractices of the law to have impressed over them.

The air is full of charges against H. J. Ward, late clerk to Governor Stoneman, to the effect that he ran a pardon broker business and extorted money, or attempted to do so, from applicants for pardons. There is not even the faintest hint that Governor Stoneman knew of the wrong-doing of his clerk. The Governor is a man who repose confidence wholly in one he believes he can trust, and it appears he had such perfect faith in Ward that he left him blank pardons at times to be filled in for convicts whose cases had been heard and whose pardon the Governor had received upon. Enough has been stated with positiveness, and enough of detail given, with names of witnesses, to justify investigation. But the suggestion of the San Francisco *Bulletin* that Governor Waterman should be responsible, and conduct it does not strike us as reasonable. Governor Waterman has nothing to do with the matter, and the overhauling of the clerks of a former Governor is certainly not obligatory upon him, nor would it be a task to which he could very well afford to give his time. It is altogether probable that nothing can be done in the matter until the Legislature meets, and the probabilities are that even then nothing in the way of investigation will be engaged in, for the reason that it is very doubtful if proof could be made that would bring the charge within the criminal laws. There is one section, however, under which an offer to receive a bribe by an executive or ministerial officer is a penal offense, but it would still be a question whether Dam, as executive clerk, was such an officer as could independently do an official act. If not, he certainly could not be held. The presumption of innocence must prevail in Dam's favor until he is heard from; but it must be confessed that the stories told by reputable witnesses of alleged attempted extortions on his part in connection with the pardoning of convicts, are very damaging to the ex-clerk, and are such as to demand from him a reply at once.

The City Trustees have resolved to submit the "market place" proposition to a vote of the people. From the time the idea was presented in the RECORD-UNION some months ago to its approval by the Improvement Association, and its consideration by the Trustees, we have been convinced of the feasibility and wisdom of occupying the north side of I street for a considerable distance above Third street as a public market place. We hold to that opinion still; all that has been said against it is so little that it really cuts but a small figure in the debate. The proposition if

adopted secures the filling of China Slough; the enhancement of the value of surrounding property and an increase in the assessment roll; the building of more industrial works; the clearing away of needed open space for a general market. It will enlarge our shipping facilities; remove an offensive foreground from the view of strangers arriving by rail; facilitate the handling and landing of goods that come and go by rail, and conserve the health of the city by filling up a spot made, despite health ordinances, the receptacle for filth. These are but a portion of the reasons why the market should be established, and the ground taken for it. The cost of the improvement is slight when the benefits to flow from it are considered. Indeed, a market so near to the passenger depot will be a new and greatly valuable advertising agency for the city. The plan meets the approval of business men who are calm in their consideration of all municipal financial matters, and it has the warm support of the Improvement Association, a body of reputable citizens giving time and means unselfishly to the promotion of the best interests of the community. We believe the people will adopt the plan at the polls and order the necessary expense to be incurred.

THE Supreme Court has decided, in the Dinnig-Benaylon case, that Dinnig was unlawfully restrained of his liberty, for the reason that the complainant for murder while it may be based upon information and belief, must be supported by an affidavit of the complainant—after his examination under oath by the magistrate—setting forth facts sufficient to warrant the magistrate in holding the defendant without bail, and this was not done in the Dinnig case. In support of this opinion the Court simply cites the plain letter of the statute, which is intended to prevent the arbitrary arrest of citizens and their detention under a charge of murder. How came it, then, with the statute so plain and unmistakable, that the prosecuting officials, the magistrate's Court and the detectives made such a dangerous blunder? What excuse can there be for officers stumbling blindly over laws as plain as the noses upon their faces? How is it possible for them to excuse their neglect to do that which the law for the protection of human rights commands to be done, before depriving a citizen of his liberty? It is not the question now as to the guilt or innocence of Dinnig, but a question whether any man's liberty may be invaded upon the mere whim or suspicion of usurping detective officers, and whether the citizen's right to free is to be "put by" if misfortune has overtaken him and the world has appeared to frown upon his endeavors; still there is for every cause for thankfulness and the lifting up of a grateful heart, in acknowledgement of the fact that he lives to conquer all difficulties, and that he enjoys the privilege of citizenship in the fairest country of the earth; for fellowship in a government that of all others most broadly recognizes and most generously and jealously护es about the natural rights of man; a land than which no other offers such rich rewards for labor, such sure return for industry, such certainty of recognition of sobriety, perseverance and sincere endeavor to deserve.

THE THANKSGIVING.

The yearly round brings men this morning face to face with themselves as Thanksgiving Day suggests to each the question, "What have I to be thankful for?" In truth no man should entertain any doubt as to reasons for thankfulness. They very readily do so, relating in detail where they had resided in California, when they returned to China to whom they were married, and gave quite correct accounts of towns and cities and their streets, and of the scenery of the State. They were then separately shown the papers taken from their keeper, and which proved to be word for word the tales the poor creatures had recited to the officials. Thereupon the women broke down and confessed that they had been constrained to learn the tales under fear of threatened death; that in fact they had never been in California or out of China before, knew nothing of this State, were not married, but had been sold into slavery, and some concluded by naming the amounts paid for them.

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